

What is claimed is:

1. A method of displaying messages in a selective call radio apparatus comprising the steps of:

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a1 } 5 displaying messages, which are already received, on a display unit in a first display attribute in a message display mode in response to a display instruction;

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10 when a new message is received during the display of said messages, temporarily stopping the display of said messages on said display unit in said message display mode, and

displaying said new message on said display unit in a second display attribute different from said first display attribute.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said second display attribute is a color inversion.

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a1 } 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said second display attribute is a highlighted display.

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said step of displaying messages includes displaying said messages on said display unit in an order in said first display attribute in said message

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wherein said method further comprises the
step of:

stopping the display of said new message in
response to a display continuation instruction;
and

displaying remaining ones of said messages
in the order in said first display attribute in
said message display mode, after the stop of the
display of said new message.

5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the
order is an order of reception of said messages.

6. A method according to claim 5, further
comprising the step of:

receiving each of said messages;

sequentially storing the received messages
in a memory in the order of reception of said
messages, and

wherein said step of displaying messages
includes sequentially reading out said messages
from said memory in the order of reception of
said messages.

7. A method according to claim 4, further
comprising the step of:

receiving each of said messages;

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5 storing the received message in a memory
together with a reception time, and
wherein said step of displaying messages
includes sequentially reading out said messages
from said memory based on the reception times of
said messages.

8. A method according to claim 7, wherein said
step of displaying messages includes sequentially
reading out said messages from said memory based
on the reception times of said messages and a
5 reference time, and

wherein said method further comprises the
step of:

designating said reference time.

9. A method according to claim 8, wherein said
reading step includes:

comparing said reference time and the
reception time of each of said messages;

5 sequentially reading ones of said messages
previous to said reference time.

10. A selective call radio apparatus
comprising:

a display unit;

a storage unit for storing messages;

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5 an operation unit used to input
instructions and data;
a message receiving unit; and
a control unit for reading out said
messages from said storage unit to display on
10 said display unit in a first display attribute in
a message display mode in response to a display
instruction supplied from said operation unit,
for displaying a new messages on said display
unit in a second display attribute different from
15 said first display attribute when said new
message is received by said message receiving
unit during the display of said messages.

11. A selective call radio apparatus according
to claim 10, wherein said second display
attribute is a color inversion.

12. A selective call radio apparatus according
to claim 10, wherein said second display
attribute is a highlighted display.

13. A selective call radio apparatus according
to claim 10, wherein said control unit displays
said messages on said display unit in an order of
reception of said messages in said first display
5 attribute in said message display mode, and

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display remaining ones of said messages in the order of reception in said first display attribute, in response to a display continuation instruction supplied from said operation unit.

14. A selective call radio apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said control unit sequentially stores the messages received by said message receiving unit in said storage unit in the order of reception of said messages.

15. A selective call radio apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said control unit includes a read pointer and a write pointer, and stores the message received by said message receiving unit in said storage unit using said write pointer and sequentially reads said messages from said storage unit using read pointer.

16. A selective call radio apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said control unit includes a timer and a reference time register for holding a reference time, and

wherein said control unit stores the message received by said message receiving unit in said storage unit together with a reception time from said timer, and sequentially reads out

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said messages from said storage unit based on the
10 reception times of said messages and said
reference time.

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17. A selective call radio apparatus according
to claim 16, wherein said control unit sets said
reference time in said reference time register
when said reference time is supplied from said
5 operation unit.

18. A selective call radio apparatus according
to claim 17, wherein said control unit
sequentially reads ones of said messages previous
to said reference time from said storage unit.

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